

Today

Finger-printing Baby.  
"What He Says, I'll Do."  
A Duke and a Cockroach.  
What is "Freedom?"  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE.  
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A new idea would take a finger-print record of all new born babies. The doctor would file the finger-print with the birth certificate. If necessary, do it, but do not tell the mother at the time. It wouldn't do the baby's digestion any good to say to the mother, "I am just finger-printing baby so they can catch him in case he ever murders anybody."

You may change your clothes, your name, your position in life, your ideas, habits, religion, wife, nationality or politics, but you never can get away from the arrangement of tiny lines on the tips of your fingers.

They go into your grave just as they come into your cradle. Among the fifteen hundred million human creatures now traveling toward the grave on this earth, no two have finger prints alike.

Everywhere in the world, America especially, fine speeches and promises fill the air.

When will the world see another man like Cromwell, whose speeches and letters were limited to half a dozen words who never lost a battle; or a man like Napoleon, who couldn't write two lines of French correctly, but could tell you the location and size of every cannon on his frontier?

When the Greeks were planning construction of a great building, two architects appeared, pressing their claims and outlining their plans. One would make a fine political candidate in our day. He made a long, showy, fine speech, telling of the wonderful things he would create. The crowd had about decided to select him, when the other one made his speech, "Lords of Athens, what this man has said I will do." They selected the second speaker.

Would this country know enough to do the same if such a man came along? Probably not. We like fine speeches and platforms, are used to promises without performance.

The Duke De Morny is dead in Paris. Of itself that is important as "a cockroach is dead on the top story." De Morny did not work, but his death takes you to the first Duke De Morny, father of the dead man, who did work and built up the fortune of Napoleon III, part of which his widow now leaves. Napoleon III and that first Duke De Morny were half-brothers, one legitimate, the other illegitimate, son of Hortense De Beauharnais, daughter of Josephine, empress of the first Napoleon. It is interesting to see the illegitimate half brother building up a fortune for the legitimate brother on the throne. You realize that there must have been energy in the mother. You realize that still more when you look at the two half-brothers that rode side by side at the battle of Hastings. One, William the Conqueror, who came out victorious to rule the British Islands. The other, a magnificent, tall Bishop, dressed all in white, left his body on the field. Both were sons of a tanner's daughter, whom the Duke of Normandy admired and appropriated as she was washing clothes in the brook.

That must have been an able young woman, to have two such sons. Does any reader happen to know who the Bishop's father was?

La Follette declines to have anything to do with the farmer-labor, third party, because its platform goes too far, shrieks so loud. So the voice of conservatism denounces the third platform statement that the masses of the people live in slavery and poverty. This is a foolish way to put it. The masses, broadly speaking, have enough to eat and wear. If they don't like their jobs, they can change them, there are plenty of jobs just now. However, it isn't so much what you say as how you say it.

There are at least ninety million people in this country that haven't money enough to keep them for a year. If that isn't "poverty" it comes close to it. Those that choose the big candidates and write their platforms would think so.

There are ninety million people in this country that must do every day what somebody else tells them to, for instance: "Miss Jones, take a letter; Home, James; John, carry up the bundles; Pat, carry up those bricks," etc. It isn't slavery when you get wages and don't get stripes.

But a poet's dream of perfect freedom would not describe the life that the average American leads, always doing what somebody tells him to do.

We need leaders to realize that conditions are not what they should be in a world that could supply plenty for all, including leisure, vacations, sufficient wealth and independence. The trouble is that we are unable to bring about changes without getting hysterical about it.

The people should plan a better social and economic structure, gradually replacing, not tearing down the one that now exists. Lazarus was good and pure. Dives was not all that he might have been. But Lazarus would have been foolish to tip over Dives' table and spoil the party without first knowing just where he would get his crumbs afterward.

# DEATH SENTENCE FOR TURNER MAKES MISS CLARK HAPPY

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### EXPRESS WORKERS ARE IGNORED IN RAIL AWARD

Chicago, July 18.—The wage board affecting 2,000,000 railroad employees makes no provision for 70,000 workers of the American Railway Express Company, it has been announced.

### WATCH BERLIN FOR ANY VIOLATION OF PLEDGES

By EARL E. C. REEVES. International News Service.

LONDON, July 18.—With the Spa conference concluded, the allies have now established a watch on Germany to see how quickly and how forcibly the Berlin government acts to carry out its disarmament and coal delivery pledges.

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